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SUBJ: W/W: FREDERICK BACHER, JOHN GHARST, AND LORA LEE BROWN

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1. INTEREST CONGRESSMAN PANETTA AND SENATOR CRANSTON.
2. LIC. SALVADOR DIAZ, DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN CULIACAN, VISITED THE CONSULATE RESIDENCE AT 6:00 P.M. FEBRUARY 15 TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING DETAILS AS PROMISED ON BACHER AND GHARST/BROWN CASES.
3. ACCORDING TO LIC. DIAZ, BACHER WAS ASSASSINATED BY CRUZ CABRERA ROJAS AND JESUS MENDOZA, AGES 25 AND 38, WHO ARE NOW JAILED IN CULIACAN. HE SAID BACHER'S VEHICLE WAS INTERCEPTED 70 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF CULIACAN BY THE PAIR AND THAT BACHER WAS SHOT IN THE HEAD BY MENDONZA. BACHER'S SKELETAL REMAINS WERE FOUND IN A MOUNTAINOUS AREA NEAR CARAGUA, SINALOA AT A SPOT INDICATED IN MENDOZA'S CONFESSION. ALSO FOUND WITH THE BACHER REMAINS WERE HIS SPECTACLES AND THE CLOTHING HE WAS WEARING.

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4. DA IS POSITIVE REMAINS ARE THOSE OF BACHER BECAUSE ASSASSINS CONFESSED THEY WERE THE ONE WHO PASSED THE TRAVELLERS' CHECKS. TRAVELLERS' CHECKS WERE FIRST TAKEN TO CULIACAN BANK WHICH REFUSED TO CASH THEM BECAUSE COUNTER SIGNATURE OBVIOUS FORGERY. MENDOZA THEN TOOK THE CHECKS TO A "CAMBIO" WHICH REFUSED TO NEGOTIATE CHECKS UNTIL A USED CAR DEALER WHO HAD ALREADY BOUGHT AND SOLD SEVERAL CARS FROM MENDOZA GUARANTEED

THE TRANSACTION.

5. DA REPORTED THAT HE KNOWS THE LOCATION OF BACHER'S AUTO-MOBILE, WHICH HAS BEEN REPAINTED RED, BUT HE NEEDS A FEW MORE DAYS TO CLOSE THE NET ON THOSE WHO NOW HAVE THE VEHICLE. FOR THIS REASON, HE REQUESTED THAT THE CASE NOT BE PUBLICIZED AT THIS TIME.

6. CONTINUING WITH HIS ACCOUNT OF THE ARREST OF THESE TWO KILLERS, THE DA SAID THEY ALSO CONFESSED TO THE GHARST/BROWN MURDERS AT PALMITO, SINALOA ON HIGHWAY 40 ON DECEMBER 25, 1976. THE DA STATED THE REASON GHARST/BROWN WERE NOT ROBBED WAS THAT, ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SHOOTING, A BUS LOAD OF PEOPLE PULLED ABREAST OF THE GHARST CAR FORCING THE KILLERS TO FLEE MINUS THE GHARST BELONGINGS. THE DA ADDED THAT IN THIS CASE CRUZ CABRERA DID THE KILLING.

7. ON FEBRUARY 15 AT 7:00 P.M. CONSUL TELEPHONED MRS. BACHER AND GAVE HER COMPLETE RUNDOWN ON DA'S VISIT. SHE EXPRESSED SOME DOUBT THAT REMAINS WERE HER HUSBAND'S. SHE AGREED FURNISH DENTAL CHARTS AND SAID SHE MIGHT CONSIDER SENDING FAMILY REPRESENTATIVE TO AID IN IDENTIFICATION. SHE ADDED THAT IF HER HUSBAND'S VEHICLE WAS FOUND AND IDENTIFIED, SHE WOULD THEN AGREE WITH THE DA THAT THE REMAINS FOUND ARE THOSE OF HER HUSBAND. BACHER'S REMAINS NOW IN FUNERALES "SAN MARTIN" IN CULIACAN.

8. CONSUL PLANS VISIT CULIACAN FEBRUARY 23 AND WILL CALL ON DISTRICT ATTORNEY WHO HAS PROMISED PROVIDE OFFICIAL POLICE UNCLASSIFIED

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INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS ON BOTH BACHER AND GHARST/BROWN MURDERS. COPIES OF POLICE REPORT WILL BE POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS RECEIVED. COPIES WILL ALSO BE SENT TO MRS. BACHER AND TO MR. GHARST'S SON.

9. CONSUL WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP DEPARTMENT ADVISED OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.
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